

September 8, 2024 Order of Today's Service

Prelude

Welcome

*Opening Hymn #220:

He Lives

Call to Worship

Prayer

Praise Hymn #473:

Victory In Jesus

Praise Hymn #542:

When We All Get to Heaven

Children's Message

*Prayer Hymn #435:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Morning Prayer

Scripture:

Genesis 48:1 - 10

Message:

Grandparents Are Grand!

*Responsive Hymn #342:

Just As I Am

Offering Prayer

Offertory

*Doxology

Church Happenings

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn #602:

God Be With You

** Please Stand*

Read this morning's scripture:

¹Some time later Joseph was told, "Your father is ill." So he took his two sons Manasseh and Ephraim along with him. ² When Jacob was told, "Your son Joseph has come to you," Israel rallied his strength and sat up on the bed.

³ Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and there he blessed me ⁴ and said to me, 'I am going to make you fruitful and increase your numbers. I will make you a community of peoples, and I will give this land as an everlasting possession to your descendants after you.'

⁵ "Now then, your two sons born to you in Egypt before I came to you here will be reckoned as mine; Ephraim and Manasseh will be mine, just as Reuben and Simeon are mine. ⁶ Any children born to you after them will be yours; in the territory they inherit they will be reckoned under the names of their brothers. ⁷ As I was returning from Paddan, to my sorrow Rachel died in the land of Canaan while we were still on the way, a little distance from Ephrath. So I buried her there beside the road to Ephrath" (that is, Bethlehem).

⁸ When Israel saw the sons of Joseph, he asked, "Who are these?"

⁹ "They are the sons God has given me here," Joseph said to his father. Then Israel said, "Bring them to me so I may bless them."

¹⁰ Now Israel's eyes were failing because of old age, and he could hardly see. So Joseph brought his sons close to him, and his father kissed them and embraced them. **Genesis 48: 1 - 10**

Prayer & Praise:

• Remember **Marianne, Marcia, Wilma, Nathan and Mark** in prayer as they go through health struggles.

- Pray for **safety in our local schools** in the wake of another school shooting. Additionally, pray for the students, staff and families at **Apalachee High School in Winder, Georgia**, and the family of the 14-year-old shooter.
- **Please join the Pastor Search Committee in praying for guidance** in finding our next Shepherd here at Immanuel. This is not an easy venture and we would appreciate your support in prayer.

Church & Family News

- **Sunday School kickoff** along with a potluck dinner is TODAY! All are welcome!
- The **Fall Women's Bible Study** begins Monday, September 16 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This year's study is "**Don't Give The Enemy a Seat At Your Table,**" by **Louie Giglio**, based on Psalm 23. Just to whet your appetite, the first chapter is entitled "The Table Before Us." This will be an excellent study! Plan to attend!
- More to look forward to: **Pastor Appreciation Sunday** will be October 6 (Yay! Another potluck!), and **Phil and Pam Morgan** will be sharing their talents with us on the afternoon of October 13.
- The date is set: The **2024 Harvest Feast** will take place Friday, November 8. Besides the famous dinner, we'll also have a bake sale and silent auction as we did last fall. Be thinking now about how you can help, and see Karla Pals and Julie Berneman for more information.

Serving Us Today

Greeters: Becky Ellingston

Clean-Up: All of us!

Musician: Jane Pals

September 15

Greeters: Don & Darla Goeman

Clean-Up: Don & Darla Goeman

Musician: Jerry Boelman

Happy Birthday!

Sept. 4 Sally Lindeman

Sept. 10 Steven Clark

Sept. 15 Skip Dorenkamp

Sept. 22 Melissa Sifert

Happy Anniversary!

Sept. 29 Vaughn & Jane Pals

Wow! Not too many birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate this month. Here's an idea: Send a card to everyone in our list above to remember their special day.